

SCHEDULES

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AMENDMENTS OF THE LAND DRAINAGE ACT 1976

Section 29 of the 1976 Act

- 13 (1) In section 29 of the 1976 Act (structures in, over or under watercourses), after subsection (2) there shall be inserted the following subsection—
- “(2A) The National Rivers Authority may require the payment of an application fee by a person who applies to it for its consent under this section; and the amount of that fee shall be £50 or such other sum as may be specified by order made jointly by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretary of State.”
- (2) In subsection (3) of that section, for paragraph (b) and the word “and” immediately preceding it there shall be substituted the following paragraphs—
- “(b) any such consent shall, if neither given nor refused within 2 months after the relevant day, be deemed to have been given; and
- (c) any such approval shall, if neither given nor refused within 2 months after application for approval is made, be deemed to have been given.”
- (3) After subsection (8) there shall be inserted the following subsection—
- “(9) In this section “relevant day”, in relation to an application for a consent under this section, means whichever is the later of—
- (a) the day on which the application is made; and
- (b) if at the time when the application is made an application fee is required to be paid, the day on which the liability to pay that fee is discharged.”